

New York State Statewide COVID-19 Nursing Home and Adult Care Facility Fatalities

OVERVIEW

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General Description:

SARS-CoV2, a novel coronavirus, was first identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in 2019. There are many coronaviruses, all of which typically cause respiratory disease in humans. The World Health Organization (WHO) named the disease caused by SARS-CoV2 "COVID-19." In March 2020, WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic due to the number of countries affected by its rapid spread. The primary goal of publishing this dataset is to provide users with information about nursing homes and adult care facilities fatalities.

This dataset includes the number of nursing home, or adult care facility-reported fatalities for residents with lab-confirmed COVID-19 disease that occurred at the facility, lab-confirmed COVID-19 disease that occurred outside of the facility, and COVID-19 presumed disease that occurred at the facility.

The information in this dataset is updated weekly.

Data Methodology:

The data source for this dataset is the daily COVID-19 survey through the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Health Electronic Response Data System (HERDS). Nursing homes and Adult Care Facilities are required to complete this survey daily. The information from the survey is used for statewide surveillance, planning, resource allocation, and emergency response activities.

Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities began reporting in April 2020 for fatalities that occurred on or after March 1, 2020. These prior fatalities are reflected in the earliest reporting week ending 4/21/2020 in the dataset.

The fatality numbers in this dataset are calculated by summing the number of fatalities by facility, and reporting week. The fatality numbers represent the number of fatalities that have been reported during each reporting week.

Limitations of Use:

This is self-reported data and is subject to updates (e.g., COVID test result), however this express reporting provides the benefit of current and timely situational awareness. These updates are incorporated in the original data and the daily updates to Health Data NY will reflect any corrections or adjustments. As a result, you may see minor deviations in historical trends between report dates.

The information in this dataset reflects the most up-to-date facility-reported information available to NYSDOH after verification with facilities is conducted. All information reported is preliminary and subject to change.